

are being asked to tackle a social issue via public service advertising. This year's contest is focused on preventing binge drinking—a dangerous activity commonplace on many college and university campuses that all too often leads to grave and tragic consequences.

To understand how serious of a problem this is, you need only look at recent statistics. According to the Monitoring The Future Study, 40 percent of college students reported binge drinking in the past year. Tragically, this alarming statistic has remained relatively unchanged since 1993. In addition, numerous studies confirm excessive drinking by college students can lead to difficulty concentrating, memory lapses, mood changes as well as other problems that impact a person's daily life. Binge drinking also carries more serious risks such as alcohol poisoning, and physical and mental health issues such as lower brain function, personality changes, depression and even alcoholism.

I commend the competition sponsor and organizers for tackling this importance issue that jeopardizes the health and safety of so many of our young people. This year's competition was made possible due to the collaborative efforts of the Century Council, the competition's sponsor, the Ad Council and the American Council on Education.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of the competition's national finals in the Washington, D.C. area June 4–5, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing these remarkable students for their contribution to attacking the critical issue of binge drinking and for their talents, creativity and hard work. Each team spent many months developing their concepts, testing their messages on campus and creating evaluation criteria. Their winning concepts will not only provide fresh and innovative ideas for a communications campaign, but will also help us to better understand how to fight this serious problem. It is also my hope that long after this year's competition ends the participants and their universities will continue their work on this topic by sharing their messages with fellow students. Together, we can save lives by reducing binge drinking on college campuses.

IN HONOR OF VENTURA COUNTY
UNDERSHERIFF CRAIG HUSBAND

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Craig Husband, Undersheriff for the Ventura County, California, Sheriff's Department, who retires Friday after more than 32 years with the department and 10 years as Undersheriff.

During his tenure, Undersheriff Husband made his mark on literally every aspect of the Sheriff's Department. His assignments have included custody, patrol, personnel, narcotics and crime prevention. He has commanded the Sheriff's Training Academy and the Major Crimes and Narcotics Bureaus.

In 1997, Husband became Chief of Police for the City of Camarillo, which contracts with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. Chief Husband developed, implemented or expanded National Night Out,

Neighborhood Watch, Stranger Danger, Mobile Police Storefronts, Kidprint, Citizen Patrol, foot patrol, bike patrol, horse patrol, the Citizen Academy and tactical crime analysis, among other programs.

In June of 1999, he was appointed Undersheriff. In that post, second only to the Sheriff, Husband oversees a \$200 million budget and a 1,200-person department with 750 sworn peace officers. Undersheriff Husband's responsibilities also include the coordination of the Sheriff's Department's four divisions—Detention Services, Patrol Services, Special Services and Support Services. These four divisions include the jails, court security, five patrol contract cities, disaster preparedness, the Air Unit and Search and Rescue.

Undersheriff Husband's commitment and professionalism has not gone unnoticed. Sheriff Bob Brooks was recently quoted as calling Undersheriff Husband a "loyal and helpful partner and friend" whom he would trust with his life.

Undersheriff Husband serves as a volunteer on numerous boards, including the Camarillo Healthcare District, Camarillo Breakfast Rotary and the Camarillo Boys and Girls Club. He was selected as the 1999 Public Servant of the Year by the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce.

He was named the Tri-Counties Narcotics Officer of the Year and the State of California (region 6) Narcotics Officer of the Year. He also was awarded the Medal of Merit for bravery and is a lifetime member of the Professional Baseball Players Association. Undersheriff Husband holds a sixth-degree black belt and is considered one of the foremost authorities of that discipline in the world.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking Undersheriff Craig Husband for his decades of dedication, professionalism and service to the Ventura County Sheriff's Department and the people it serves, and in wishing Craig and his wife, Cecilia, a long and productive retirement.

AUSTIN GALLEGOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Austin Gallegos who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Austin Gallegos is an 8th grader at Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Austin Gallegos is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Austin Gallegos for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

WESLEY WILSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Wesley Wilson of Weston, Missouri. Wesley is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Wesley has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Wesley has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Wesley Wilson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MAYOR ANDY
WAMBSGANSS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend and tremendous public servant, former Mayor Andy Wambsganss, for his years of service to the City of Southlake and the North Texas region.

Since assuming the mayor's office in 2003, Mayor Wambsganss guided Southlake with an immense degree of dedication, passion and competence. He served as mayor for nine years, from 2003 to 2009, and prior to his mayoral tenure he served on the Southlake City Council, as Mayor Pro Tem, and as a judge in the community. Andy has always strived to better his community, and his broad experience served his constituents well.

Under Andy's principled leadership and sound management, the City of Southlake experienced tremendous economic growth while at the same time maintained the city's unique small town charm. He managed the city with great efficiency and responsible fiscal discipline. Andy selflessly served the City of Southlake for many years, and his positive impact on the city will long endure in the future.

Throughout the years, Andy Wambsganss contributed his expertise to many local and regional organizations. He was President of Southlake Crime Control and Prevention; on the Southlake Teen Court Board of Directors; Director of the Airport YMCA; Director of Metroport Cities Fellowship; member of the Tarrant County Mayor's Forum; member of the Northeast Leadership Forum; and much more.

Andy Wambsganss is a longtime resident of Southlake, a kind and apt public servant, and a family man. His wife, Leigh, and their two boys, are involved in many community and philanthropic endeavors.

It is a distinct privilege to call Andy a friend of mine. He has been an outstanding public servant to the City of Southlake and his honest leadership will be sorely missed. On behalf

of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I extend my sincere appreciation to Andy Wambsganss and wish him the very best of luck in the future.

THE PASSING OF MS. KOKO TAYLOR, THE "QUEEN OF THE BLUES" JUNE 4, 2009

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of one of my most prestigious constituents, from Country Club Hills, Ms. Koko Taylor the "Queen of the Blues". Ms. Taylor passed away yesterday afternoon at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

For more than 40 years, Koko Taylor's powerhouse vocals have thrilled audiences, from little bars in Chicago's South Side to giant international festivals. Ms. Taylor has been described by Rolling Stone as "the great female blues singer of her generation."

She's been in movies, on television, on radio and in print all over the world and has received just about every award the blues world has to offer, including 29 Blues Music Awards, and a Grammy Award in 1984. I personally had the privilege of presenting the National Endowment of the Arts National Fellowship Award to Ms. Taylor in 2004.

Undoubtedly, Ms. Taylor's contributions to the music world have been innumerable. I am deeply saddened by her passing and I rise today to honor her many achievements and offer my condolences to her family, friends, and fans across the country.

ALEXANDRIA HAFKEY-HAIGHT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alexandria Hafkey-Haight who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Alexandria Hafkey-Haight is an 8th grader at Faith Christian Academy and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alexandria Hafkey-Haight is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Alexandria Hafkey-Haight for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING LORRAINE BERGMAN ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE TEMPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lorraine Bergman, who was recently named Business Woman of the Year by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Bergman is currently the President and CEO of Caliente Construction, a company originally started by her late husband Thomas Bergman. After his passing in 2005, Lorraine stepped up and rebuilt the company herself. Under her leadership, Caliente Construction has more than doubled in its percentage of growth and in number of employees. The success of this local business was previously recognized by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce when Lorraine received the Business Excellence Award in 2008.

In addition to the success of her own company, Lorraine has made many contributions to the surrounding business community. She is a founding member of Advancing Women in Construction, as well as the East Valley Branch of Fresh Start, a program that assists women whose lives have been impacted by traumatic events. Lorraine is a graduate of both the Gilbert and Tempe Leadership programs whose experience, dedication and body of work truly deserve to be honored.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Lorraine Bergman's many contributions to our community.

THE DEDICATION OF THE SAN BENITO MEMORIAL PARK AND MEMORIAL FREDDY FENDER

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the San Benito Memorial Park on Saturday, June 6 where a memorial honoring the life of Freddy Fender stands.

Born Baldemar Garza Huerta on June 4, 1937, in San Benito, Texas, Freddy Fender was the son of Serapio and Margarita Garza Huerta, a laborer and migrant farm worker. He was the eldest of nine children.

The love of music came early to young Balde, as everyone called him then. He was only five years old when he acquired an old three-string backless guitar which he quickly learned to play. He may have come from a very poor upbringing, but his optimism was undeniable, using music as a means to make life happier. "Music always made it better," as he would say.

The family would follow the seasonal crops for harvesting. They traveled north to work beets in Michigan, bale hay and pick tomatoes in Indiana, harvest cucumbers in Michigan and onions in New Mexico. Then, it was back home to San Benito for the winter where he spent time entering and winning talent contests.

Baldemar Huerta's professional career was ignited in November 6, 1956, as El Bebop Kid, when he originally recorded Spanish-language versions of Don't Be Cruel and Holy One, hits in Texas, Mexico and South America, that reflected his unique fusion of love songs and rock 'n roll. For a short time he also recorded under the names of Scotty Wayne and Eddie Medina.

He signed with Imperial Records in 1959 after taking the name Fender from the neck of his Fender guitar and Freddy because it sounded good. He first recorded his mega-hit, Wasted Days and Wasted Nights in 1959.

Fender is credited with being the first American Hispanic Rock & Roll recording artist in Anglo Latino music history. He was also the first Mexican-American artist to cross over into mainstream pop and country music, and with introducing Tex-Mex music into the American and world music scene.

Freddy Fender was more than just an artist; he was my dear friend who I had the honor of knowing and working with for many years. Through this dedication, we pay tribute to a man who traveled around the world singing songs that brought smiles and joy to the lives of many, including myself. Freddy never forgot where he was from—his roots and upbringings remained intact throughout his professional career as a singer.

Today, we remember him through his songs, his spirit and his love for the Rio Grande Valley, especially San Benito.

On October 14, 2006, we all lost a dear friend, companion, singer, and San Benito native, when Freddy went to be with the Lord. Before his passing, he asked his beloved wife, Vangie, that he wanted to return to San Benito to be buried. His wish was carried out and that is why we stand here today in honor of a man that encompasses the true meaning of success through hard work, dedication and determination.

Most recently, the San Benito Economic Development Corporation funded this project, budgeting about \$250,000 for the construction of the monument in honor of Freddy. The San Benito Memorial Park will be home to 300 resting souls, including Freddy, who was the first one to be buried there.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the dedication of the San Benito Memorial Park and the memorial honoring the life of Freddy Fender.

A TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF SID CAUSEY

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to New Hanover County Sheriff Sid Causey. As Sheriff Causey prepares to retire on July 1, 2009, I ask that you join me in recognizing his long and honorable career of service.

Sheriff Causey began his career in 1970 with the Carolina Beach Police Department, and then moved to the sheriff's office in 1973. In 1978, he moved to the county Alcoholic Beverage Control board, then returned to the sheriff's office in 1986. For seventeen years, he effectively commanded the office's vice